

Richmond Athletic Association Organizes To-Night.

Chance Signs Contract--Intercity Bowling Series

ORGANIZE AMATEURS AT MEETING TO-NIGHT

Gather in Mayor's Office to Discuss Plans and Name Officers of Richmond Athletic Association--All Are Asked to Attend.

The Richmond Athletic Association will be organized to-night at a conference to be held in Mayor Ainsley's office between representatives from every institution in Richmond interested in fostering athletics. The meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

Probably never before in the history of athletics in Richmond has any movement received such hearty and unanimous support as the present endeavor to unite in harmony all the athletic activities of this city. No cost attaches—it is merely a move to help all who may have ambitions to improve their physical condition.

The meeting to-night will effect an organization and will name officers and a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws. It is the desire of those interested to establish a nonsectarian club or federation to which all will be eligible so long as they maintain a proper standard of amateurism. While all of the regularly organized institutions devoting a part or all of their time to athletics will be represented, there will be room for the unattached athlete. Indeed, it is to take care of this large number of men and boys that the organization was at first proposed.

Plans will be discussed and matters of interest to the embryonic star of the club path considered. It will be a good-fellowship meeting, a meeting where petty jealousies will be buried, where the good of the greatest number will be considered above all else. In fact, it will be a sort of athletic awakening in Richmond. There are some splendid institutions here which answer a certain purpose, but there are also hundreds of men who are affiliated with no organization whose needs and whose rights are just as impressive. All of these things will be brought out at the conference to-night.

It is hoped that Mayor Ainsley may address those present. Everybody's viewpoint will be listened to. But above all, it must be realized that this meeting and the ends to be attained are bigger than any individual or any organization. Every representative present must be ready and willing to subordinate self and the institution he represents in the cause of the common good. There is a great work to be done and the delegates should

V. M. I. WILL PLAY A. & M. HERE ON NOVEMBER 8

Option for Local Park Secured and Contract to Be Signed Within Very Few Days--Other Games Pending.

Virginia Military Institute and North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College will play football here November 8.

Hardly had the ink grown dry on the contract between these two schools for a gridiron battle, when Manager K. D. Scott, of V. M. I., started negotiations for leasing the local park for that date. W. B. Bradley, secretary of the Broad Street Park Corporation, gladly gave an option, and the matter was then settled. Now that it is all over, Richmond is assured of at least one big football game during 1913.

Practically every school in the State has come to the conclusion that Richmond deserves consideration in making schedules for big games. V. M. I. is the next to take a positive step toward giving the capital of the State one of these games. But the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, and V. P. I. are all ready to come here. After V. M. I. had closed with Carolina A. and M. for the game, Manager Scott wired the sporting editor of The Times-Dispatch asking whether any important game had been scheduled for that date. November 8. Consultation with Secretary Bradley brought the information that the park was obtainable. An option was immediately secured, and all that remains to be done now is to sign a contract.

Richmond will appreciate this step on the part of V. M. I. to make the metropolis of the State headquarters for the more important games to be played by the several colleges and Richmond is equal, will turn out in large numbers to greet the athletes and their guests when they come. It has

FILL THIS BLANK, QUICK.

For the purpose of forming a Richmond Athletic Association to develop field and track athletes, a meeting of representatives of every athletic organization in Richmond will be held early in January. In order to know at once how many school boys, working boys and young men will be interested in taking part in a big indoor meet to be held some time in February, the following information is desired:

Name _____
Age _____
Occupation _____
Place of business _____
To what athletic organization do you belong? _____
What school do you attend? _____
(Mark with an X the events you would like to attend)

Seventy-five-yard dash _____ Running high jump _____
Running broad jump _____ Half-mile run _____
Quarter-mile hurdle _____ Mile run _____
Twelve-pound shot put _____ Five-mile run _____
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FRANK CHANCE



Peerless leader signed a three-year contract yesterday to pilot New York Americans, after two-day dicker with Frank Farrell.

FRANK CHANCE SIGNS TO MANAGE KILTIES

Farrell and "Peerless One" Reach Agreement After Two-Day Conference--Reported That \$120,000 for Three-Year Service Is Stipend.

Chicago, January 8.—Frank Chance, the former Chicago National League team's manager, was signed to manage the New York American League club at a salary and interest which amounts to \$120,000 for the three years for which he contracted—the largest amount ever paid a baseball player. Of this sum \$75,000 is salary and the remainder, the estimated value of the club, the net earnings of 5 per cent of the net earnings of the club. These terms were not officially announced, but were obtained from an authoritative source.

Two days of negotiations between Chance and Frank Farrell, of the New York club, were brought to a climax this afternoon. After an hour's conference, an announcement of the deal was made at the office of B. B. Johnson, president of the league.

"Gentlemen, let me introduce the new manager of the New York Americans," said Mr. Farrell to the reporters, as he, Johnson and Manager Chance emerged from the conference. What part the league had in concluding the negotiations was, of course, not given out. It was remarked, however, that President Johnson had remained away from the meeting of the national commission at Cincinnati and that the announcement of the negotiations was given out only after the head of the organization had been consulted.

Both Farrell and Manager Chance kept secret the actual details of their conference.

"I honestly did not expect to arrive," Chance said to-night. "When I signed yesterday I had fully made up my mind that my interests lay in the West and that I could not afford to leave them for at least a year. Mr. Farrell, however, offered inducements much better than I had dreamed of, and I could not decline them."

"I am not at liberty to give out the terms, but I am to get the greatest sum anybody ever got for piloting a ball club, and I am going to come as near earning it as I can."

Chance will assume active management of the team February 11, when he will reach New York to attend the American League meeting. He will then arrange the details for the training trip. The New York club will have its spring workout in Bermuda, where Farrell has procured a field for the practice.

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HARMON STRONG FOR MEN'S RIGHTS

Says Players Owe Clubs No Loyalty, Because They Always Get Raw Deal.

St. Louis, January 8.—The players have their side of the eternal wrangle over the spoils. Bob Harmon, who is representative of the Cardinals on the directorate of the baseball fraternity, of which Dave Fultz is president, says: "Most of the complaint is properly on the side of the player. The trouble is that when he is in prime the player is not able to dispose of his services to best advantage by reason of the reserve rule. There are several men on the Cardinals who could make great bargains for themselves this year were they free agents—men like Koney, Hauser, Evans, and others. Mind you, these men are not now under contract—if they were, it would be different. But they are arbitrarily reserved under baseball rules as the property of the St. Louis club. From the Cardinals they will receive several hundred dollars less annually than they might have obtained from Pittsburgh, the Cubs, or other teams needing their services."

"Next year or later, when the Cardinals see fit to let them go, the demand for them may have waned. Pittsburgh may have obtained a first baseman and the Cubs a suitable shortstop. The men, too, may have deteriorated. Thus the player's right to dispose of his best years to best advantage is lost."

"But doesn't the player owe a certain loyalty to the club which developed him? Isn't the reserve rule necessary to keep baseball clubs intact?" Harmon was asked.

"This is not a matter of loyalty, but of money for services rendered. Any team would gladly go to the trouble of developing raw material that's worth the while and to spend money doing it, too."

"If a club wishes to keep its team together let it do so not by the reserve rule, but by long contracts with the players themselves—contracts that at their expiration, leave the player free to sign with the highest bidder."

"That's the proposition that baseball players expect to fight for and win."

From all of which we are led to believe that as a get-rich-quick scheme, baseball is going to suffer a serious setback shortly.

HALF-MILE TRACK GETS HARD JOLT

Baltimore, Md., January 8.—Asa B. Gardner, Jr., a member of the board of governors of the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Association, of Timonium, is of the opinion that the ruling of the Baltimore County Racing Commission in regard to betting at half-mile tracks next season will kill racing at the Timonium track. President Henry A. Brehm, of the Prospect Park Racing Association, is far from pleased with the ruling of the commission. He expects a meeting of the Half-Mile Track Association to be called in the near future to decide matters.

After having given full consideration to the views of the representatives of half-mile tracks, the Baltimore County Race Commission announced that it had decided not to amend or change the rule it passed on June 22, 1912, which was as follows:

After December 31, 1912, no betting shall be permitted on horse races on any race track in Baltimore County except under the pari-mutuel system, either with or without machines.

The following rule was passed yesterday:

The commission deducted by the racing association under said pari-mutuel betting system shall be on half-mile tracks conducting meetings of not over six days in duration, not to exceed 12 per cent, and in all other cases not to exceed 5 per cent of the gross amount handled.

The tracks affected by the ruling are the Gentlemen's Driving Park, Electric Park, Prospect Park and Timonium.

ROGERS TRIMS TWO.

Pocket Billiard Expert Has Comparative Easy Time With Two Opponents.

Andrew Rogers had little trouble in disposing of his opponents yesterday in the Superior Billiard Academy. In the afternoon he defeated Bradshaw, of Washington, 100 to 45, and at night took the measure of Gebhardt, a local expert, 100 to 12. Large galleries witnessed both performances and applauded the work of the New York expert. This afternoon at 8 o'clock Rogers will meet Beattie, said to be a marvel with the cue, and at night Louis Bowman, the local pride, will be the foil.

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WASHINGTON WANTS RICHMOND BOWLERS

Asks Representative to Attend Meeting Saturday--Local Tenpin Experts to Gather Here To-Morrow Night to Name Delegate.

President Sam Williams, of the Richmond Bowling Association, has called a meeting of all bowlers in Richmond who may be interested in the intercity bowling tournament to be arranged between teams representing Richmond, Washington and Baltimore, for to-morrow night at 9 o'clock in the Palace Alley. Nobody is barred from attending. The sole idea is to find out just how many of the timber bowlers in Richmond are willing to ally themselves with some team in order to bring Richmond to the fore in the bowling world.

Jake Rowsey, manager of the Palace Alley, has received a communication from James A. Field, secretary of the Washington City Bowling Association, asking that a representative from Richmond be sent to the meeting of that organization to be held Saturday night. It is largely for the purpose of naming this representative and determining just what he can report that the meeting to-morrow night is called. The Washington City Bowling Association will hold its annual tournament on the Palace Alley in the Capital City beginning Monday, February 18. It is desired to have teams representing Richmond and Baltimore present. If this is done then Washington will be willing to send teams to each of these cities at subsequent tournaments to be held. They want to get together and foster interest in ten pins.

Already there are prospects of at least three teams going into the District tournament from Richmond. It is desired to send even more. For this reason all ten pin bowlers are urged to attend the meeting to-morrow night. It will do much to stimulate interest in the game here and will give Richmond a prestige abroad that could not otherwise be obtained. M. C. Ricketts, representing the Washington bowlers, has been here on several occasions seeking to create interest. He has at last succeeded, and now certain to attend the meeting to-morrow night, if Richmond can send a worthy representation—and there is no good reason why this city cannot—then bowling once and for all will be placed on a sound basis here. The intercity series should be vastly attractive, and it's up to the bowlers to say how far Richmond will go towards making it a success. By coming to the meeting the men will show whether they are interested or not.

SOUTH CAROLINA PLAYS VIRGINIA

Other Games With Old Dominion Schools Have Prominent Place on Baseball Calendar.

Columbia, S. C., January 8.—A partial list of the games to be played by the University of South Carolina baseball team, made public by the manager to-day, includes five games with three Virginia colleges. Only one road game, that to be played with the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, was announced, but several games with Virginia colleges in Virginia will be played. The Carolinians will play Virginia at Charlottesville on April 23.

The Virginia Polytechnic Institute will play two games in Columbia April 27 and April 28. This will be the Tech's first visit to Columbia, although Carolina has played them at Blacksburg every year for three seasons.

This season will close with Washington and Lee here. Two games will be played May 1 and May 3. The local collegians played Washington and Lee at Lexington, Va., last year, but in 1911, games were played both there and here.

Prospects for the team are bright. "Dad" Watts, playing his fourth year as an outfielder, is captain. The team will be coached by Jim Driver, former Virginia star, and he will be assisted by "G" Guerrant, star Davidson infielder, who turned professional and was a manager in the Eastern Carolina League.

M'KENZIE SHOWS UP MANY FAULTS

Philadelphia, January 8.—According to Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, director of physical education of the University of Pennsylvania, there are four principal evils which threaten American college athletics and are greatly undermining the amateur spirit. They are:

1. The standard of performance is raised so high that the ordinary student, realizing that he is hopelessly outclassed, gives up playing the game that he otherwise would enjoy and that should be held within his reach.

2. The competitor is elevated and separated into a special class apart from his fellows, requiring separate quarters, special diet, and consequent privileges to make the drudgery less irksome.

3. The publicity that accompanies the contests puts them into the class of public spectacles for which spectators pay to see and so acquire certain rights over the players, who become mere performers. Pressure is thus brought to bear on the athletic authorities and on rule committees to consider the spectator rather than the man for whom the game should be designed.

4. The winning of the game becomes more important than the observance of the spirit of the law and the practices of fair play. It is the professional motive which is gain, replacing the amateur motive, which is the thrill of the contest.

Continuing, Dr. McKenzie said: "Every true sport insists upon fairness and justice for his opponents. Anything which has a smattering of unfairness is frowned down, and yet many of the athletic associations of this country send scouts to spy out the style of game played by their opponents."

"If such spring-out practices are justifiable, why not pay a player to enter your opponents' institution, make the team and keep you fully informed? Such a player might secretly install a dictograph in the room where blackboard talks are held, and so be able to nightly record all that takes place."

"Duke" Farrell With Red Sox. Boston, January 8.—Charles (Duke) Farrell, the veteran catcher on the Boston Nationals and the Boston American baseball clubs, was signed by the Red Sox to-day for the coming season.

Farrell will coach the recruit pitchers, of whom there are ten. The world's champions at present have fifteen catchers on their rolls.

PLAY DUCKPIN GAMES TO-NIGHT

Roanoke Challenges Richmond, and Challenge Is Accepted Without Any Argument.

Frank Seifert, formerly of Richmond, but now of Roanoke, has challenged Jake Rowsey's local five of duckpin bowlers for a game to-morrow night by wire, and the challenge has been accepted. The results of such innings will be reported by wire. Rowsey's Pets expect to win, but the Roanokers, by coming to the game, and a pretty contest is sure to result.

BRISTOL CLUB TO HOLD SESSION

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Bristol, Va., January 8.—The Bristol Athletic Association, which owns the Bristol franchise in the Appalachian League, will hold a meeting Saturday night and reorganize by electing a president to succeed Jess Bunting, resigned, who goes to Roanoke to live. It is not known who may be chosen president, but it seems certain that "Red" Muesen, of Cincinnati, will be re-elected manager of the team. He proved the pennant winner last season, and the Bristol fans feel that they cannot be without him. He is now in Cincinnati.

CHARLES APPLIES FOR OUTFIELD JOB

Youngster Who Was With Colts in 1911 Is Latest Applicant for Position.

J. Charles, or Kenney Harris, the youngster seen with the locals in 1911, secured from the defunct Tidewater outfit, is the latest applicant for a job with the Colts next season. He wrote to W. B. Bradley, secretary of the local club, yesterday, asking for a job. He says that he is better than ever and that he spent last season playing semi-pro ball with a team from the Baltimore and Ohio shops in Frederick, Md. The lad is reserved by the local club under both of his names. His application was sent to Steve Griffin, and as he was fast and willing while here, he may return.

AMUSEMENTS

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